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## The Bishop's Page

My Dear People,

1948 will be notable in the history of our Church as the Lambeth Year. It will, under God, prove to be one of the significant periods of Church history. For six weeks, beginning July 1st, 1948 the bishops of the Anglican Communion throughout the world, from 314 dioceses will assemble at Lambeth, the official residence of the Archbishops of Canterbury, to confer upon matters affecting the whole Anglican Communion—its faith and life and work. The last Lambeth Conference was held in 1930, when 307 bishops were present. The first was held in 1867 when 76 bishops attended. These figures indicate something of the growth of our Communion and something also of the increasing importance of the Conference.

It is especially interesting for us to observe that the Lambeth Conferences arose out of a resolution passed by the Canadian Church in 1865, urging that means should be adopted "by which members of our Communion should have a share in the deliberations for her welfare". This suggestion of the Canadian Church was accepted and acted upon by the then Archbishop Longley of Canterbury. By this resolution something was begun which through succeeding generations is destined to unify the Anglicans throughout the world into a great instrument and agency for the Kingdom of God.

The fact that the Lambeth Conferences are held at the official residence of the Archbishop of Canterbury is an indication of the primacy of honour accorded to the Archiepiscopal See of Canterbury by Anglicans throughout the world. The term Anglican when applied to our Church is often misunderstood. It is used in precisely the same sense as the word Roman when applied to that form of Catholicism which acknowledges the Papacy, and has its home in Rome. The Anglican Church springs from that form of Catholicism which developed in the British Isles. But, unlike Roman Catholicism, the Anglican Communion is composed of free national or regional expressions of Catholic Faith, order and worship. The bonds which bind us together are not legislative but are rather the strong family likeness and a family affection. Lambeth is a family reunion. Anglicanism has "long ceased to be only Anglo-Saxon in its range: it embraces churches of many races, colours and tongues. Its unity is in Christ and under Him in the particular interpretation of Church doctrine and Church life, which He has entrusted to it."

Because of the world-wide and inclusive nature of Anglicanism—separated by vast distances and diverse cultures and tongues, it is necessary that there should be some closer personal inter-

course if real unity is to be preserved. "Lambeth symbolizes, in a dramatic form which stirs the imagination, the whole Anglican family of Churches. The history of its mysterious and majestic growth is clothed in flesh and blood by the meeting together of the bishops from every part of the world. The occasion moves to praise and thanksgiving—"the Lord hath done great things for us already, whereof we rejoice".

The main purpose of the Conference is to confer. At Lambeth the corporate minds of the whole Episcopate is brought to bear upon the whole range of Anglican concerns, in order that the will of God for His Church may be discerned and fulfilled. The Anglican Communion has owed its cohesion and clarity of purpose to seven such family gatherings in the past. Lambeth, 1948, will, under God, serve a like purpose and set the whole Church forward towards its God-given destiny.

During this year 1948 I purpose from time to time, on this page, to write something about our Church, in the hope that we may all come to see better the meaning of our place in this world-wide fellowship. In the very nature of the case it is hard to rid our minds of inherited ideas, which have been developed and fostered by purely local parochial situations. Such, for example, as the error that the Anglican Church is the church for Anglo-Saxon people, or that the Anglican Church began in the reign of Henry VIII. Such errors sometimes even seem to be accepted by otherwise quite intelligent and well informed people and are printed even in text books purporting to be history. So there is much for us to learn and to propagate concerning our Church, with which this page might very well be concerned during the year.

At Epiphany-tide our thoughts naturally turn to the spread of the Church and her faith into every part of the world. When the bishops meet in Lambeth there will be stories to tell of the witness of our Communion during the war, of heroes and martyrs in far off lands, of progress in spreading the good news in the face of bitter opposition, of hard battles fought and won for justice and truth. It will constitute a witness to the unity of our Communion, unbroken by the strains of war—a unity which transcends all barriers of colour and race and tongue and nation. There will be stories to tell of the efforts of our Church throughout the world to bring together the divided forces of Christendom unto a unity of faith and order and worship.

Those of us who can enter this year into the spirit and intention of Lambeth will have our church life enlarged and enriched by a new awareness of that world-wide fellowship, of which we are a part. Our vision of the future will be charged with new hope, because our conception of the Church will be lifted above the parochial and the national. The mysterious and majestic growth of Anglicanism through the centuries from its Apost-

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## Editorial

### Every Man in His Place

First, a Happy New Year to all our readers, both within and beyond the Diocese. We wish you Good Luck in the Name of the Lord!

There is a fine text in the Old Testament which we would like to suggest as a motto for the New Year. "And they stood every man in his place round about the camp". It comes in the story of Gideon and the struggle against the host of Midian. For seven years the land of Israel had been ravaged by the Midianites. Crops would be sown, but when the time came for harvest, the armies of Midian would swoop down and carry away all they could find. Year after year the cattle were stolen, homes were destroyed, families broken. The people found themselves living in caves and strongholds, constantly in fear of Midian.

It was then that God's call came to Gideon, and from the ranks of many thousands he chose out only three hundred, and in the dead of night he came upon the enemy hosts and put them to flight. Gideon did this under the guidance of God, and with the help of those specially chosen warriors. They succeeded because of their faithfulness and their enthusiasm. "They stood every man in his place round about the camp."

Each of us can think of the parish to which we belong as a Christian camp. In the camp there are many different jobs to be done, and new duties to be anticipated. Some of this work is administrative: some of it is concerned with the problem of supply. Some jobs are necessarily parochial in their scope; some are missionary, linking us up with other Christian camps far away. Some tasks are educational, some fellowship, some recreation, some social service. Over them all and running through them all is the spirit of worship and praise and adoration for Christ our leader in the struggle.

Every one has a place in the camp, from the oldest man or woman who can lift up their hearts and voices in prayer to the youngest babe enrolled as a Little Helper.

Everyone needs to be in his place around the camp. In fact the camp will only be healthy so long as each one is in his place. As long as there are any in the camp who recognize no responsibility, and feel under no obligation to do their rightful share in the life and work of the camp, then the strength and witness of the camp will be impaired. The light will not shine with all its power. The enemy will find his way in.

The New Year finds us all concerned about the camp organization. Annual meetings of Congregation and other groups are to be held, or have just been held.

To those who are elected to office we extend our very good wishes. Most jobs are what we make of them. It depends upon ourselves to a large extent whether the office we hold is important or unimportant. Our devotion, enthusiasm, and faithfulness will be the factor which will count. We have known people to be elected to high office, who have been much impressed with the prestige of the office, but unmindful of their own responsibility to make that position count. They have not been in their place round about the camp.

We have known people to be chosen for positions which were thought to be relatively unimportant, but they have shown such enthusiasm and initiative, and grasped at every new opportunity to make the job count that when the time came to fill that office again only the most capable members were considered. Offices are what we make them. Each organization will flourish if every member is in his place round about the camp.

Annual meetings should also possess the spirit of appreciation for all work done in our name. No one's work and efforts should be taken for granted. A word of praise is always in season. One should remember, however, that it can be fatally easy to praise others as an excuse for not doing anything ourselves. It is easy to be lavish in our words of commendation, and then think there is no need for us to lend a hand. In our Christian fellowship it behooves everyone to be in his place round about the camp.

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# DIOCESAN NEWS



## Christmas at Frog Lake

This year again, through the generosity of a large number of people in the diocese, the Bishop was able to take to Frog Lake enough Christmas presents to enable Santa Claus to give to every Indian child on the Reserve a Christmas gift. The people of Frog Lake send to all who sent these gifts their sincere thanks.

The Christmas party was held on Thursday, December 18th, the Bishop arriving in the early afternoon and, with the help of a number of workers, the presents were all labelled and ready for presentation at the Christmas Tree in the evening. The concert by the school was prepared by Mr. O. R. Hunt, our teacher, and was enjoyed by more than 200 adults. Mr. and Mrs. Hunt and their family are to be congratulated upon the success of the organization of this annual feast.

On the following morning the Bishop celebrated the Holy Communion in the school house, and administered to all the confirmed members of our church on the Reserve.

It is expected that this Christmas Party will become an annual event, and the Bishop has promised to return next year again with the gifts of the diocese to our people at Frog Lake.

## BROADCASTING

Jan. 4—All Saints'	CJCA
Jan. 11—St. Faith's	CFRN
Jan. 18—Christ Church	CJCA
Feb. 1—All Saints'	CJCA

## Grand Centre

On Sunday, December 21st, the Bishop visited Grand Centre, where our fine and well appointed church was beautifully decorated for the Christmas Feast. At 8:00 a.m. there was a celebration of the Holy Communion and at 11:00 a.m. Sung Eucharist, with more than fifty people present. After the Service, luncheon was served in the hall.

It is perhaps difficult for us to understand the importance of this work at Grand Centre. It is carried on for the most part without the ministry of a priest by Mr. H. J. Ayres, who is the Bishop's licensed Lay Reader, and he is ably supported in all that he does by a band of devout men and women. In spite of the fact that priestly ministrations are rare, the loyalty and devotion of our people in Grand Centre is very strong. They have recently built a beautiful parish hall, in which many happy social events take place for the whole community. There is also a well built and comfortable rectory, as well as a beautifully appointed church and well kept churchyard. It is quite impossible to exaggerate the place of Mr. Ayres in the carrying on of this work, to which he gives all the time he can spare from his business.

## Marwayne

The Bishop visited Marwayne a few weeks ago at the invitation of the people, through the Reverend W. J. Brant of Clandonald. Up to the present there have been no regular services

held in Marwayne, but the number of Anglican families has steadily increased during recent years, and there is a strong desire to establish regular services. The local Anglicans have, with the consent of the Bishop and Executive Committee, arranged to move to Marwayne, to a site which has been given by the local Board of Trade, a church which has been for some years unused at Stretton. The church will be moved during the winter and placed upon a foundation in the spring. The eagerness with which the people seek to have regular ministrations of the church makes it quite clear that we ought to provide such ministry, and it is hoped that in the near future arrangements will be made to that end. A Bishop's Committee has been appointed and has begun the work of organizing the parish. This extension of our work is a matter of profound thankfulness.

## Rife. St. John Baptist

On Monday, December 22nd, at 11:00 a.m., the Bishop celebrated Holy Communion at St. John's Church and dedicated an Altar Cross and Candlesticks in memory of Mrs. Destrube. All members of the congregation were present. The Altar Cross is given by the Woman's Auxiliary of Rife and the Candlesticks by Mrs. R. P. Lefroy, in memory of her friend, Mrs. Destrube.

This is the first Christmas since Mrs. Destrube's death and it is evident that the whole congregation, inspired by her faith and devotion, intend to see that the work which she so carefully foster-

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tolic origins is no accident, nor it is a matter for prideful boastings. On the contrary, it is something to be acknowledge with profound thanksgiving to God, who has raised us up for the fulfillment of His purposes.

Yours faithfully,

## Editorial

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A Christian camp is a place from which to advance. It is the base from which we make our operations into the territory of the paganism and materialism round about. A Christian camp is a place of activity, not of retirement. Any cry of 'Let George do it' needs to be replaced by a new cry of 'Let St. George do it' as men and women catch the spirit of the saints and knights of old, and set out to overcome the dragons whose foul schemes threaten the peace of our world.

ed, will not decline. This is the best possible memorial to Mrs. Destrube.

### Church Envelopes

The start of the New Year finds most Envelope Secretaries anxious to obtain as many new subscribers as possible. The duplex envelope system is an accepted part of church membership everywhere, and our weekly offering is part of our act of worship. Any parish, however small, which is not using the Envelope System of weekly offerings, should take steps to institute the system as soon as possible. No Vestry can conduct the affairs of the Church properly unless they are assured of adequate and regular support.

Every wage-earner should pledge a portion of his earnings to God's work through His Church. Our pledge will vary as our earnings vary, but no one is too poor to be unable to give back to God a little of what He has given us. Some evade this responsibility, but miss the blessings which comes when our resources are consecrated. The surest road to regular Church attendance is the Duplex Envelope road, and many an Envelope Secretary has brought blessing to individuals and families merely by enrolling them as Envelope Subscribers.

The following appeared in the January, 1944, issue of our "Church Messenger":

#### TO PLEDGE—OR NOT TO PLEDGE

"To pledge or not to pledge—that is the question;

Whether 'tis nobler in a man to gather  
The Church's blessings free, and leave  
the others

To foot the bills and spread the Gospel  
tidings,

Or to take pen, to sign a pledge that's  
Duplex

And share the cost. To write—to sign  
—to pledge—

To pledge—perchance to pay! Ay,  
there's the rub . . ."

Yes, there's the rub. And there's where  
it always heads up.

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### 1948 Subscriptions

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making payment of 1948 subscriptions which are now due.

The prompt adjustment of subscriptions is not only helpful from a financial point of view, but eliminates the necessity of collection by church officers or Edmonton Churchman representatives in the parishes throughout the diocese.

A large number of magazines are mailed to points without regular church services. In these cases it is urged that remittances be mailed direct to The Edmonton Churchman, 10029 103 Street, Edmonton, Alberta.

Follow-up reminders of unpaid subscriptions entail considerable expense and office work, for which we are not equipped, and we extend thanks in advance to all who help to make this action unnecessary.

### Wainwright Deanery Chapter Meeting

The members of the Wainwright Deanery Chapter met recently at Viking. The session opened with the sacrament of the Holy Communion at 11 a.m., the Rural Dean acting as celebrant. Following the administration of the Holy Communion, the Rural Dean conducted a period of meditation until noon, when noon day prayers were said and the morning session adjourned for luncheon.

The Rev. E. N. P. Orme acted as host to the assembled members at a very congenial luncheon.

The Chapter assembled for the business session at 2 p.m. The meeting opened with prayer led by the Rural Dean, after which the following being present answered to their names. Rev. E. N. P. Orme, the Rev. H. Brant, the Rev. W. D. Ellway, and the Rev. F. E. Smith.

The first item on the agenda concerned Deanery boundaries. After considerable discussion the following motion was passed: "Whereas the shortage of clergy in the Wainwright and Vermilion deaneries appears to suggest that some revision of boundaries is necessary, and whereas the clerical staff of either deanery is not sufficient to provide adequate spiritual, social or intellectual fellowship, and whereas the improved subsidiary roads have largely eliminated the early necessity that deaneries be restricted to the confines of either railroad or highway, be it resolved that we petition His Lordship the Bishop, that if and when he

sees fit, we would humbly suggest that the present deaneries of Wainwright and Vermilion be merged and that they henceforth be known as the Vermilion-Wainwright Deanery.

Considerable discussion centred around the ever present problem of transportation and salaries. The remarks of Archdeacon Hasell in the new Anglican Advance booklet 'Advance' were taken as a basis for our thoughts upon this matter. It was agreed by all that the burden of providing transportation is decidedly unjust, inasmuch as the clergyman who is actually one of the worst paid people in the community, is forced to provide a car, pay for its maintenance, insurance, etc., in order that he may be allowed to do the work of the parish. It was found that not one clergyman present was able to save one cent from his monthly income, that after the hunger of the car had been appeased, the remainder of the all too meagre salary was swallowed up in providing household necessities, and nothing remained to be put by for that day when, after forty years faithful service in the church and the age of seventy had been reached, we would then receive the General Synod Pension; which is actually twenty dollars less per annum, that the State pays to a man and wife who have attained that age and does not carry with it any of the privileges accorded the old age pensioner.

An interesting and thought provoking paper upon Church Union was read by the Rev. W. D. Ellway. It was agreed by all that this paper should if possible be printed in full in the Edmonton Churchman.

An invitation was extended to the assembled members to meet at the home of Mrs. C. R. Smith to partake of tea before once more combatting the icy roads on the homeward journey. The invitation was gladly accepted and a most enjoyable time was had by all.

### CALENDAR

JANUARY, 1948

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| 1  | Circumcision of our Lord                        |
| 4  | 2 SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS                        |
| 6  | EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD                            |
| 11 | 1 SUNDAY IN EPIPHANY                            |
| 18 | 2 SUNDAY IN EPIPHANY                            |
| 25 | SEPTUAGESIMA                                    |
|    | Conversion of St. Paul transferred to Jan 26th. |
| 26 | Conversion of St. Paul                          |

# The Anglican Young People's Association

## Christ Church A.Y.P.A.

The A.Y.P.A. of Christ Church held their annual Birthday Party on November 14th, an evening of dancing, games, stunts, and of course, refreshments. We were very glad to see so many of our fellow members out for this enjoyable evening.

We were very fortunate in having



Miss Grace Wilson visit our November 19th meeting to tell us all about her trip to the Biennial Conference for the A.Y.P.A. this summer.

Plans are now being made for a dinner to be held during the festive season to conclude business for this year.

## Diocesan Information Service

The last Diocesan Synod gave recognition to the fact that our society is becoming more and more secular and we are constantly being faced with distortion of truth and frequent attacks, both directly and indirectly on the Church. The Synod therefore resolved to set up a service which would undertake to study these problems and make available to the parishes various materials "for use in spreading the faith and countering the enemies of our religion". This 'Diocesan Information Service' has now been fully organized and set in operation. We are gathering together a library on many aspects of the Faith and on the relation of the Church to these forces about us. Many very excellent pamphlets are already published and will be made available as requested. On other problems, where adequate material cannot be obtained, it is proposed to have a special study made and material written.

The 'Diocesan Information Service' is a part of the Faith and Action Committee whose aim and purpose is to lead us into a more militant expression of our Christian faith. It is hoped that the Service will give real assistance to the carrying out of the second resolution, namely, that in the parishes groups be formed to study current problems in the context of our faith, which study should naturally lead to Christian Action. A Study Group convener has been appointed to assist with suggested materials and helps.

The 'Information Service' is now ready to be used. Clergy and laity alike are invited to request materials from it. Most of the material will be in pamphlet form and will be sold at cost. Newsletters will be sent occasion-

ally concerning new publications and further notes in the Edmonton Churchman. All correspondence should be addressed:

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## DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

**Almighty God, the giver of all things, send Thy blessing, we beseech Thee, upon Thy Church throughout this Diocese; the Bishop, the Clergy, all Lay Workers, and all who belong to the Fellowship of Christ's Flock, and especially .....**  
**May Thy Fatherly Hand ever be over us, and may Thy Holy Spirit guide us in our work, that Thy name may be ever glorified. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.**  
**Amen.**

### January 4th:

The Bishop of the Diocese, the Rt. Rev. W. F. Barfoot.

### January 11th:

The work of the Sunday School Teachers' Association and all Sunday School teachers through the Diocese.

### January 18th:

The Parish of Mayerthorpe, and the Rev. John Dicker.

### January 25th:

St. Paul's, Jasper Place, on their Patronal Festival, and the Rev. G. D. Kelly.

### February 1st:

The Council for Social Service, and especially our own Diocesan Council.

## St. Mary's A.Y.P.A.

A very active term has been had at St. Mary's since we started in September. Our membership has increased and now stands at 26 of which we are very proud. Two of our monthly Whist Drives have been held, both of which were very successful. We have had one party at which everyone had a very good time. The Fellowship Committee tried a new idea for this party in the form of "The Fun Parade." We would like to again thank St. Stephen's A.Y.P.A. and Mr. Wolff for coming.

Thanks to the help of Miss Joyce Hollum we had a very interesting expedition through the Power plant in November.

## Holy Trinity

We have been meeting each Sunday evening after Service, with a splendid attendance at each meeting. The A.Y. served Tea at the recent Bazaar, and this enabled us to make another donation to the Parish Hall Fund. We have also sold Christmas Cards again this year, and hope to realize a considerable sum.

Our Christmas Party is to take the form of a sleigh ride on Monday, Dec. 29th. We plan to return to the hall afterward for games and refreshments.

Our thanks to St. Peter's for the enjoyable social evening recently.

## St. Saviour's Vermilion

The A.Y.P.A. has been meeting each week in homes of various members. We were sorry to lose our president, Nelder Baulton, who was transferred to Coronation. We wish him luck in his new surroundings. The vice-pres., Ellen Snelgrove, has been acting as President, as new elections will take place on Jan. 6th.

The closing function of the year was a "Stocking Dance" on Dec. 16th.

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# Woman's Auxiliary



## Annual Meeting of Diocesan Woman's Auxiliary

Programme for the 34th Annual Meeting of the Diocesan Woman's Auxiliary during the sessions at All Saints' Cathedral, Feb. 17th, 18th and 19th.

### Order of Proceedings Tuesday, February 17th

Theme of Annual: That Thy way may be known.—Ps. 67: 2.

10:00 a.m.—

Annual Corporate Communion.  
Celebrant and Preacher: The Right Reverend W. F. Barfoot, D.D.  
Presentation of Diocesan Thankoffering.

12:00 noon—

Luncheon in Masonic Temple.  
Welcome: Mrs. R. Ritchie, St. Luke's Young Women.

Reply:

1:30 p.m.—

All Saints' Hall.  
Hymn. Prayers. Roll Call.  
Welcome to all delegates: President of All Saints' Afternoon Branch.  
Greetings. Announcements.  
Review of the year:  
Recording and Corresponding Secretaries.  
President's address.  
Dorcas, Educational Secretaries.  
Living Message Secretary.  
Social Service Secretary.

3:45 p.m.—

The Bishop's Hour.

7:30 p.m.—

All Saints' Hall.  
Demonstration of Audio-Visual Aids under the direction of the Reverend F. A. Peake, B.A.  
Films: Native Peoples of Canada.

### Wednesday, February 18th All Saints' Hall

9:30-10:30 a.m.—

Life Members' Conference.  
Devotional Services and Address: The Very Reverend A. M. Trendell, D.D.

10:30 a.m.—

Regular Session of the whole board.

Minutes, Correspondence, Question Box.

E.C.D., U.T.O., Treasurer's Reports.  
Report of the Convener of Nominations: Mrs. E. Currey.  
Consideration of Dominion and Diocesan Pledges and Appeals.  
Report of the Sunday School by Past Secretary.

12:00 noon—

Noon-tide Prayers: The Reverend G. W. Wilson, St. Faith's.  
Luncheon in Empire Room.

1:30 p.m.—

Hymn. Prayers.  
Correspondence, Question Box.  
Report of Credentials' Committee.  
Report of Prayer Partner and Candidates' Secretaries.  
Voting of Funds; Diocesan Thank-offering; Offertories; E.C.D.  
Guest Speaker: The Reverend R. Cathcart, Principal of St. Andrew's School, Whitefish Lake.  
Deanery W.A. Reports.  
Closing of Ballot Box.

8:00 p.m.—

Evening Session of Whole Board.  
The Service of Youth: Little Helpers', Juniors', C.B.L., and Girls' Secretaries.  
Flannelgraph: Mrs. W. D. Neely.  
Report of Dominion Annual: Mrs. E. W. de Laroque.  
Report: Miss Arva Stewart, Regional Girls' Supervisor.

### Thursday, February 19th All Saints' Hall

9:30 a.m.—

Celebration of Holy Communion.  
Celebrant: The Very Reverend A. M. Trendell, D.D., and Reverend Howard Buckner, B.A.

10:00 a.m.—

Minutes. Correspondence.  
Announcement of Officers for 1948.  
Question Box.  
Reports of Standing Committees:  
Hospital Visiting.  
St. Catherine's Residence.  
Book of Remembrance.  
Programme.  
Press and Publications.

Report of Dominion Annual Meeting: Mrs. H. Gutteridge.

12:00 noon—

Noon-tide Prayers: The Rev. G. Kelley, St. Paul's.  
Meeting of New Executive to appoint Honorary Officers.  
Luncheon.

1:30 p.m.—

Hymn. Prayers.  
Question Box.  
Report of Life Members' Secretary.  
Unfinished Business.  
New Business.  
Election of Delegate to Dominion Annual.  
Votes of Thanks.  
Service of Praise and Thanksgiving in the Cathedral: The Very Reverend A. M. Trendell, D.D., and the Reverend S. J. Bell, B.A.  
Afternoon Tea in the Cathedral Hall.

## Time Bombs

There are two main tragedies in the world today; the man who has to live without bread and the man who tries to live by bread alone.

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God can't change a situation unless and until He changes the people concerned in it.

\* \* \*  
Our troubles have grown out of our efforts to humanise God, deify man and minimise sin.—Arthur J. Moore.

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The secret of a happy home is a home where there are no secrets.

\* \* \*  
Men will either be governed by God or ruled by tyrants.—William Penn.

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# I Believe in the Holy Catholic Church

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## XXI—Social Life in the Fifteenth Century

The immediate reaction to the spirited outbursts of John Wyclif which were described in the last issue, was almost negligible. This was because history is made, not by a few individuals, no matter how brilliant, but by the corporate experience of a nation as a whole. Before proceeding to consider the effect of the Reformation upon the Church it is necessary to say something of the people who made up the Church in Wyclif's day.

The Norman conquest had introduced the feudal system by which the conquered people were made subservient to the barons. Gradually, however, they recovered their rights and with the growth of commerce there developed a middle class of people who were chiefly engaged in manufacture and trade. For that new class special legislation was enacted directing how each grade should dress and behave. Such distinctions emphasising "class" soon gave rise to the feeling expressed in the well-known couplet:

"When Adam delved and Eve span,  
Who then was the gentleman?"

They also led to the growth of a strong bond of fellowship within the class or group and so we find the foundation of trade guilds and companies. So wealthy were some of the merchant companies that kings frequently accepted their hospitality, and even borrowed money from them, sometimes on the security of their crown jewels. The establishment of such organizations is reflected in the archi-

ecture of the time by the present of Guild chapels in many of the larger parish churches.

The growth of the middle classes necessitated a re-adjustment of relationships between the various estates; and a consequent loss of power on the part of the nobility. That did not take place all at once, nor until the nobility and villeins had settled their differences. The villeins were what we should now call yeomen, small landed proprietors and petty tenants, who, in lieu of rent, had to render a proportion of labour to the great feudal landlords. Peasants' Revolts were caused at this time by the oppression of the baronage. Those who took part in these revolts were promised that serfdom (virtual slavery) should be abolished, and that agricultural labour should be paid at its market value.

The social status of the middle class had been gradually improving ever since the commons were allowed representatives in parliament but as labouring men were not allowed to vote in parliamentary elections they adopted what they thought to be the best way of airing their grievances, namely, a public demonstration of ill-armed and un-drilled mobs, which wantonly destroyed the possessions of the wealthy until disciplined forces caused them to disperse.

As a revolt of the rising social consciousness some restrictions were placed upon the power of the king and it was agreed that they should govern by and with the advice of a privy council.

a 35-foot cabin cruiser—as it frequently drops anchor at Savary. After the usual salutations I got aboard and we immediately put out and plied along through gorgeous scenery, reminiscent of Norway. We had a smooth and enjoyable hour's travel, arriving at Whaletown to be welcomed by the Rector's wife, Mrs. Rollo Boas, and it was indeed good to be able to renew my friendship with her! To my amazement, I discovered that the following day, Friday, 8th August, was to be

"CLINIC DAY," and I am so anxious to tell you about the interesting phase of work being done—a work ministering to the physical as well as the spiritual needs of the isolated settlers of Cortez Island.

On Friday, Mr. Boas got up at 7:00 a.m. to be on his way to Heriot Bay, where he was to pick up the medical doctor and dentist. These men get up equally early for they practice in Campbell River and this monthly trip to Whaletown necessitates their setting out by water taxi to Quathiaski Cove, where they are met by a land taxi which takes them to Heriot Bay, across Quadra Island. Needless to say I was on hand when they arrived, and armed with a camera, too! Dr. Rose, the dentist was carrying a foot drill and equipment and hurried from the wharf at Whaletown to set up his equipment . . . in the Rectory! He was followed by Dr. Margetts carrying the proverbial little "black bag," and he, too, went into the house. Words fail when I try to describe the speed of the quick-change artist, Mrs. Boas. Within an hour or two she had the whole house turned into a "clinic" and was ready when the staff arrived. The patients were waiting in the study, and it was full. One bedroom had suddenly become converted into a medical consulting room; another an examination room, and the porch off the kitchen, a dental office. The patients were called into the offices one by one; they were retired folk from the cities, just "living" and loving the beauties of this delectable island; loggers, fishermen, shopkeepers and rock-ranchers, all of whom had come miles by fish boat, row boat, motor-boat, on horse-back and one or two by car.

Jack was the first dental patient; he was a small boy who used the same tactics as most small boys—toothache completely vanished as soon as he was in the chair. He was brought in by his parents who lived several miles down the island. The first medical case was a blind and deaf lady in for her regular monthly check-up! There were young mothers receiving post-natal care, and their babies a thorough going-over, and mothers-to-be having pre-natal care. After everything was well under way, Mr. Boas made his way down to the wharf once more and was soon on his way to Manson's Landing

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## A Vacationist's Visit to "Clinic Extraordinary"

This is the story of what I found was being done by a Parson and his wife, by two medical men and a dentist on Cortez Island, British Columbia.

On day in August, 1947, I travelled from Savary Island, where we have a summer home, to Manson's Landing and there the good ship "Rendez Vous" and her skipper, the Rev. Rollo Boas, were awaiting me. I knew the craft—

# The Church of England in Western Canada

By Rev. T. C. B. Boon, B.A.

XXIII

The year 1891 marks the end of the first period in the progress of the Church of England in and around Edmonton, for in this year the Reverend Chas. Cunningham took charge of the Church of All Saints, and so left Canon Newton able to devote himself more freely to the outside points. The days of the pioneers were over, and from that time "the little Doctor" becomes less of a spectacular figure but certainly not less loved and venerated by those who knew him. The Church was growing. During the latter part of the 'nineties there was a steady increase in settlement in the direction of Edmonton, and Wetaskiwin first appears in the Calgary Clergy List of 1896, with the Rev. C. H. Andras, M.A. as incumbent. Fort Saskatchewan in the same year had its own Priest in Charge in the person of the Rev. G. C. d'Easum, and the Rev. H. A. Gray, B.A. was incumbent of Holy Trinity, South Edmonton. Bishop Pinkham, in his Charge to the Synod of that year, remarked "That the old log and frame Church at Edmonton has been replaced by a fine brick building—the most substantial of all our Churches in my whole jurisdiction", and there was a movement which sought the independency of the Diocese of Calgary. By 1900, Holy Trinity, South Edmonton had become self-supporting, and the Rev. Geo. H. Webb, (later Archdeacon) Rector of Colborne and Rural Dean of Northumberland in the Diocese of Toronto, took charge of the Parish at the end of September. He was a brother of Rev. W. F. Webb (also later Archdeacon of Calgary) who for some years was Secretary Treasurer of that Diocese.

In 1904 that part of the Diocese lying between the north of Townships 30 and 44 was constituted as the Rural Deanery of Red Deer, but two years later there was a further division and the district around Edmonton became an independent Rural Deanery. Vegreville appears amongst the Parishes for the first time this year (1904) with the Rev. Gerald Card, B.A. residing there whilst in charge of the Vermilion

Valley Mission. Bon Accord and Ponoka were both represented by lay delegates at this Synod. Bishop Pinkham's Charge to the Synod of 1906 mentions the commencement of work in North-East Edmonton (St. Paul's) and the enlargement to double its former seating capacity of All Saints' Church, which in addition has established a Boys' Brigade. "Rev. G. B. Hall, L.Th. Curate in Charge of Daysland, etc., etc., " seems to indicate progress in the direction east of Camrose. Financially, those were the 'days of small things'. The M.S.C.C. apportionment for the Rural Deanery of Edmonton in 1905 was \$345.00, upon which \$302.02 was paid.

The District of Edmonton was constituted as an Archdeaconry in 1907, just twenty years after Bishop Pinkham's consecration. The work of the Church was then spreading rapidly towards the northwest of the Diocese. By 1908 the assistance of the M.S.C.C. was being sought to establish Missions at Pembina North (where there was already a young Lay Reader, by name Walter Leversedge), Wabamum, Stony Plain, Edson (spelt Edison) Viking, Camrose, around and in Edmonton itself, at Pidgeon Lake, west of Wetaskiwin, and in the country east of Fort Saskatchewan, a total area covering more than six thousand square miles. In addition, work amongst men building the G.T.P. west of Edmonton had been started.

In 1910 the Archdeaconry of Edmonton contained 16 Clergy. Christ Church, Edmonton, had been commenced and built under the leadership of the Rev. Robert Jefferson, now Bishop of Ottawa. But the most important event of that year was the arrival of the Rev. W. G. Boyd to establish St. Faith's Mission. In his Charge to his Synod, Bishop Pinkham said: "The present year has become memorable in the history of our Church, because of the appeal in its behalf, which was issued by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, in February last. Briefly, they called upon the Church and people of England to give fifty of their best Clergy to the Canadian Church, annually, for the next ten years for work

in Western Canada, and, to provide the means for their support. This appeal has already found its way to many hearts in the Motherland. His Majesty, King George V, as Prince of Wales "having himself visited Western Canada," realizes, as his Secretary wrote, "the difficulties arising at this moment from the extraordinary rapid growth of its population through immigration", has sent a donation of £500; and the Duke of Argyll, Lord Lansdowne and Lord Aberdeen, all ex-Governors-General, are according the Archbishops their heartfelt support. Lord Strathcona has given £1,000 to the fund, and Lord Ashcombe, who gave generously to the Calgary Bishopric Endowment Fund, and to other Diocesan objects, has given £500."

"On Saturday, May 7th, I had the joy of welcoming here the Rev. W. G. Boyd, M.A., Chaplain to the Archbishop of Canterbury, whom I saw several times in London before he paid his brief visit to the Diocese last year, and two of the Clergymen and Laymen who accompanied him . . . After spending their first Sunday here they proceeded to Edmonton where Archdeacon Gray kindly provided temporary accommodation for them, in a tent, at the east end of All Saints' Church.

I have licensed Mr. Boyd at the head, and the other Clergy as associate members of the Edmonton Mission of the Archbishop's Fund. I have assigned them a district in the N.E. part of Edmonton, North of the Parish of St. Paul, to be known as the Parish of St. Faith. They are also undertaking, for the present, the visiting and the Services of the Parish of St. Andrew and are preparing to start Services at Calder to the N.W. of Edmonton. Outside the City of Edmonton, I have assigned to them the portions of the Diocese to the West and North West, including the Mission in which Mr. Edwards has been working for the past year, and the northwestern half of the Mission where Mr. Herbert has been so strenuously and successfully engaged, still leaving him Battenburg and the large district adjacent.

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Prayer is not trying to persuade God to do your will, but giving Him the opportunity of making you capable to do His will.

# Autumn Festival in Kaifeng

by Mae Coates

"This being Sunday," writes Miss Coates, one of our new China missionaries, "I walked into the city to the Cathedral. We have had an unusual amount of rain this week—six days of it. The mud came to the top of my shoes as I trudged along. The road was crowded with wheelbarrows loaded with vegetables, bags of coal, flour, etc. Martial law having been declared in the city yesterday some of these farmers were unable to take their produce to the city market. It must get there today or else they will miss the trade occasioned by the Big Autumn Festival which occurs tomorrow the fifteenth day of the eighth lunar month.

"When I reached the city gate I observed that ten feet out from the gate there was a special barricade and a line of soldiers inspecting passes. A small machine gun stationed at the gate was trained on the pedestrians. It seems, a one-eyed communist general fighting south of us near the Yangtze River has decided to return north with the remnant of his troops. He is expected to cross between here and Kweiteh. The Nationalists are naturally on the alert. Inside the city the newspapers pasted on the wall had many eager readers.

"It was difficult to realize that this was Sunday with the stores thronged with would-be holiday celebrators. I thought of the autumn legend that my teacher had related to me. In 2150 B.C. there lived a very skilful archer called Hao I. At that time there were ten suns in the sky. Hao for some reason or other shot nine of them. The sun-god requested him to spare the tenth in exchange for a potion which would enable him to go and live in the sun, but his wife drank the magic potion before he had an opportunity to do so; she became light as a fairy and flew away to the moon where she has remained ever since. On midnight of the Autumn Festival date she descends if a banquet is being held to give ear to the wishes of mortals.

"A Harvest Feast must be held of course. I passed outdoor butcher-shops and saw large pieces of meat hacked off and popped into string bags. Nearly every pedestrian had a pink parcel

dangling from a string. In China you make a loop in a string and dangle the parcel from your finger. If you buy seven parcels each hangs from a finger. These parcels contained large round moon-shaped cakes about the size of a small tea plate filled with a very sweet sugary substance. Some perhaps contained moon-shaped gifts. Small bottles of wine were also being bought.

"This must be a particularly favourable time in which to marry. No less than six wedding processions passed me.

"But civil war cannot be forgotten. On the way home I saw wagons piled with railway tracks. It was suggested that they were being brought in to save them from the enemy. I cannot vouch for the truth of the above statement.

"On returning home I learned that the others had attended a Harvest Thanksgiving Service in another church. They were horrified when the sidesmen came forward during the singing of the last hymn, gathered the fruit and vegetables brought for decoration and then sold them to the people as they left the church. The Chinese are original; perhaps the Lord will consider it a more suitable disposal of food than that of sending dozens of pumpkins to an institution and causing the poor inmates to eat pumpkin dishes for several weeks.

"The weather is turning very cool. From now on the people will practically live on the streets to get the benefit of the sun. Furniture will be moved out to the sidewalks. Only when it becomes very cold can the precious fuel be used for warming the houses a little.

"We ourselves, due to the expense of coal, are expecting to be very cold. In preparation for the winter a group of us bought cloth and we are having Chinese padded gowns made to wear over our other clothing. Our shoes also will be Chinese padded foot wear.

"Every day we bewail our own stupidity and slowness in acquiring a fluent spoken language.

"We are very grateful for all those people who keep us in mind and uphold us in prayer. It is so easy to get discouraged at this stage of the game and feel futile."

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to bring in parishioners waiting there for medical assistance. He returned around 1:00 p.m. and a halt was called, when patients who were still waiting consumed the lunch they had brought with them, and the doctor, dentist and friends sat down with the Boas family to a hot dinner, prepared and served by Mrs. Boas, who was also acting nurse at the Clinic! At 2:00 p.m., work was resumed; more and more people arrived, and the waiting room was full once again. The afternoon was one of great activity, the last patient departing at 4:15 when packing-up commenced. Mr. Boas loaded up his wheelbarrow with the equipment and accompanied by his wife, children, medical staff and myself, we formed a small procession down to the wharf and boarded the "Rendez Vous." Our course was set for Heriot Bay and when we arrived there one hour later, a land taxi was waiting to take the doctors on their way home to Campbell River.

"Clinic Day" has given me food for thought . . . I feel extremely humble, for here is a man and a woman so utterly and completely consumed with doing good to their fellows that they literally turn their home inside out one day a month to bring medical aid within the reach of their parishioners, and it is done on their own initiative, too. But I fully realize that this is only made possible by the marvellous co-operation and work which has been carried on now for fourteen months during summer fair weather and winter squalls by Doctors Bathurst Hall, P. Margerets and R. S. Rose, and who close down their offices in Campbell River one day a month.

I know what some of you are thinking—"ONE day a month, indeed; what happens during the rest of the time?" Mrs. Boas is a Graduate Nurse, and from what I gathered from outside sources she is on 24-hour call, assisting patients when needed and always ready to give First Aid. I'll give you an example of what I mean. Early in August a parishioner got her arm in a wringer; the husband rushed her to the Rectory where Mrs. Boas administered First Aid and then took her aboard the "Rendez Vous" to Campbell River hospital, a trip taking two hours and more

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# What Does the Western Field Secretary Do?

That is a good question, and it is a pleasure indeed for me to accept the invitation to give to the Edmonton Churchman an account of myself, both within and without the Diocese. As I do so, I am sitting in a hotel room in Port Alberni on Vancouver Island, listening to the noises of the mill and the snorts of the donkey engine.

As a rather long preamble to this account, may I set forth as briefly as possible, the office and duties of a Field Secretary in the Educational aspect of the total picture of the Church's task. The Secretary is neither a spy nor a policeman, inviting himself unobviously and suddenly, into a Diocese or a parish. Nor does he go intentionally where he is uninvited or unwelcome. A Field Secretary is a Promotion Officer in a special liaison capacity: his business to set forward Christian Education in its manifold aspects, in homes, church, school and community. The General Board of Religious Education defines this promotion work in various ways.

(1) Systematic Visitation of Dioceses, arranged through the proper authorities—the Bishop and the Diocesan Board. The object of such visitation is (a) the furthering of Religious Education (R.E.) in the Diocese, Deanery and Parish, in harmony with the plan suggested by the G.B.R.E., including the work of the A.Y.P.A.; (b) the conducting of courses in Leadership and Teacher Training and the development of this training in the parishes through their program, and with the aid also of correspondence methods; (c) the promotion of Daily Vacation Church Schools, and the encouragement of week-day R.E. in harmony with Provincial regulations; (d) the promotion of, and information on, the use of authorized Lesson Courses and Publications of the Church, as prepared and issued by the G.B.R.E.

(2) The visitation of Synods and other assemblies of the Church, and of Theological Colleges, with a view to presenting and explaining the educational emphasis in the Church's work; and with this, the delivery of addresses and courses of lectures on this theme.

(3) Assistance in the Promotion and Organization of Summer Schools, and

Leadership Training, and also A.Y. Camps.

Then, too, there is a classification of duties called "miscellaneous." This covers much ground, as for example, studying needs, trends and problems in the field and keeping the G.B.R.E. informed; assisting in the promotion of any special campaigns in which the General Board is participating, such as the A.A.A. (Anglican Advance Appeal); enlistment into Church work; promotion of Visual Education; use of Radio in Church and Sunday School work; and participation where possible, in the interdenominational efforts in the whole field of education, training and youth work.

The attempt to cover a wide and varied field in Alberta and British Columbia in the course of a year, necessitates hundreds of interviews, scores of meetings, services, addresses, lectures, sermons and correspondence. And in addition to all this, about 20,000 miles of travel under all conditions and circumstances.

In line with these duties suggested by headquarters, your Field Secretary places his services in the hands of the Bishop of Edmonton and the D.B.R.E. each autumn for a period of three weeks or so, in addition to the time spent in Summer School at Kapasiwin, and other occasional work in the Diocese. This year's itinerary was upset somewhat by last minute changes over which neither the Diocesan authorities nor the Field Secretary had much control. Space will scarcely permit a detailed account, but in summary may I report as follows: Interviews 56; meetings 26; services 14; parishes and service points 15; conventions 3; sermons 7; addresses 22. Due very largely to cancellations the itinerary was confined to the City of Edmonton and the Deanery of Vermilion. In these two areas, I was pleased to have some very good opportunities of work both with individuals and groups, ranging from interviews in the Department of Education to Sunday School Teachers, A.Y.P.A. branches, and various departments of Women's Auxiliary activity.

It is possible that some new approach to Field Secretarial work and more ef-

fective uses of the Secretary may be worked out in time, to meet Diocesan needs, problems, and the growth of today. Until such time as these may be effected, I shall plan to continue similar efforts of past years, as outlined previously. And so for now, my friends in the Diocese, may God bless you all in your respective shares in the Church's task. Please be assured of my heartfelt gratitude for the wealth of kindness, hospitality and co-operation which I have found to be so characteristic of the people of the Church, both clerical and lay, in the Diocese of Edmonton.

May your observances of the Christmas Festival bring you much joy, peace and happiness.

Lorin A. C. Smith  
(Western Field Secretary of the  
G.B.R.E.)

## A VACATIONIST'S VISIT TO "CLINIC EXTRAORDINARY"

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around the notorious Cape Mudge.

To me, Mr. and Mrs. Boas are practising, and living, practical Christianity—a type sorely needed in this peac-torn world; they are giving the people of Cortez Island moral security. However, it did strike home to me the need for a Clinic permanently established at Whale Town and I hope this day is not far distant.

Friday the eighth of August, 1947, was a red-letter day in my life, and constituted a lesson in co-operation that exists on one of the many islands in British Columbia.

—Violet S. Field.

Men have been faithful unto death.  
Now we need them faithful unto life.

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People who see how far they can go,  
go too far and don't see it.

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Truth from a friend is tonic. The same words spoken bitterly are poison.

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To face today's chief problem use a mirror.

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Greatest among our faults is our failure to do anything about the rest of them.

## Rural Deanery of Edmonton

### ALL SAINTS' CATHEDRAL

The Very Rev. A. M. Trendell  
The Rev. H. W. Buchner

Our first service for Parents and babies of a year and under was held in November and was quite a success. Quite a number of babies brought their parents and came along. Our second Baby service will be held on the 21st of December and they will be continued on the third Sunday of each month at 3.00 p.m.

At the end of November the Annual Christmas Bazaar was held in the Parish Hall. The various groups of the W.A., the Boy Choiristers' Mothers' Association and the A.Y.P.A. all had booths. Tea was served, and a large number of people attended.

Preparations are being made for the celebration of the Feast of the Nativity. Mr. Tims is busy decorating the Church and preparing the 'Crib'. The Choir and Mr. Barford are preparing special music for the Midnight Eucharist and for the Carol Service on the 28th when part of the Messiah will be sung. Others are busy getting ready for Christmas parties for the Junior Church and other organizations.

We have been very sorry to say 'good-bye' to Canon and Mrs. G. Crane-Williams. The Canon has most generously assisted on many occasions at missed. Mrs. Crane-Williams has been teaching a class in the Junior Church and will also be very much missed. We wish them all the best in their new work in Montreal.

### CHRIST CHURCH

The Rev. E. S. Ottley

A service of special interest was the Confirmation on December 1st, at which seven adults were Confirmed. At the same service another parishioner was admitted to the communion of the Church of England. This is the second Adult Confirmation this year, and brings to twenty-one the number of Adults who have become communicant members of the Church, in 1947.

We are at last able to report that the memorial to the late Mr. R. H. Cawley has been delivered to us. The tablet will be erected in the near future, and dedicated by the Bishop at the morning service on January 11.

As we go to press, the boys and girls of the Parish are looking forward to the Christmas parties. The Cubs are to have a Tally Ho followed by a supper in the Parish Hall, and following supper they will hear a Christmas story told by Mrs. A. L. Peers and sing Christmas Carols.

The Rovers are to be the guests of "Doc" Foster for their Christmas party and the Scouts are to party in the Parish hall, December 23rd. Parties have also been planned for the various branches of the Sunday School. Dec. 14th was "White Gift" Sunday and it

was indeed a pleasure to watch how proudly the children placed their precious offerings on the tree.

Our choir are very busy, not only with special music for our own Christmas services but they are taking part in the annual Rotary Carol Sing. On Dec. 21, they will give a carol service to the patients in the Col. Mewburn hospital and on Dec. 18th at the Lions Club luncheon.

The Annual W. A. Bazaar was a great success, members of the congregation were very liberal in their gifts to the "Home Baking" and with Mrs. H. Gutteridge in charge, the goodies were quickly sold. Everyone agreed that this year our Bazaar was an outstanding success, the proceeds being well over five hundred dollars. Christ Church wish you all a Happy New Year.

### HOLY TRINITY

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Canon W. M. Nainby

The preparations for Christmas are taking up most of our time, but we trust that when the Festival comes we shall hear the Angel chorus of "Glory to God in the Highest" and in our hearts experience the indwelling of the Holy Child of Bethlehem. May the New Year be a year of Peace, Goodwill and Joy to all.

The W.A. and Young Women's Fellowship Bazaars proved most successful, and we are grateful to all for their generous support. The Y.W.F. also catered to a Masonic dinner in the Church Hall in November. As a result of their work the Parish Hall Fund has benefitted greatly, and we thank the W.A., Parish Guild, Young Women's Fellowship, Sanctuary Guild, Mothers' Union and A.Y.P.A. for their splendid contributions.

### Week of Prayer

The Universal Week of Prayer will be observed early in January, and all women's groups, and other women who are not members of groups are invited to join in a service in the Church on Thursday, Jan. 8th at 3 p.m.

### Annual Meetings

January will see the annual meetings and elections of officers for most organizations. The annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Wed., Jan. 21.

### January Activities

Both the Men's Club and the Parish Guild are planning social activities. The Men's Club have arranged a Whist Drive on Friday, Jan. 16th at Acacia Hall, and the Guild will hold the annual Bridge at the H.B. Empire Room on Jan. 27th.

### Choir

The Choir took part again in the Rotary Carol Festival, and also arranged for the Carol Service on Dec. 21st and the singing of Selections from

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"The Messiah" on Dec. 28th. The Choir stall at the Bazaar was again outstanding, thanks to Miss Ida Ellis, and this stall realized over \$150.

#### Sunday Schools

The Primary and Beginners Christmas Party proved most enjoyable, each child receiving a gift from Santa. The Main School supper and party will be on Dec. 29th. The Sunday Schools will also hold a special Carol Service during Christmastide.

#### Chi Rho Fellowship

Thanks to Miss Audrey Sowerby and others a supper was held on Dec. 14. We hope for another such supper in January.

#### ST. JOHN'S, EDMONTON

The Rev. W. E. Harrison

As these notices are being written we are approaching the Christmas season. Our Church is looking more beautiful than ever with the many new gifts of furnishings that have recently been added. New choir stalls have been placed in the chancel, and within the past week eight new pews for the front section of the nave. Together with this, the Chancel Guild have been busy making hangings in the seasonal colors, and these are indeed a welcome and appropriate addition.

The new candlesticks on the Altar are the gift of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Johnson, given in loving memory of Mr. H. H. Holmes. These will always be greatly cherished by members of the Parish. They are a beautiful and worthy memorial.

We are looking forward to our Christmas Services—Carol service, the Mid-night Celebration on Christmas Eve, and the special services on Christmas Day and the Sunday following. May this season when we welcome the Christ Child of Bethlehem be a time of rich spiritual blessing for us all, when we gain new strength to press forward in the New Year in the great calling of our Lord and Master.

Plans are now being made for a Pre-Lenten mission to be held in the Parish for one week starting on Sexagesima Sunday, February 1st. The Rev. J. O. Anderson, M.C. rector of St. Aiden's Parish, Winnipeg will be in charge of all services during this time.

Members of the Canterbury Club of the University attended evensong on Sunday, November 30th. Several members of the club took part in the service. Later in the Parish Hall, several reels of pictures were shown of Cathedrals in England. It is hoped that many more such occasions will be held at St. John's.

#### ST. LUKE'S

Canon A. Wallis

The W.A. Sale of Work, held in November, was a very successful event. Apart from the financial result, which was gratifying, the social side

afforded an opportunity to Canon and Mrs. Wallis to meet quite a number of parishioners.

The White Gift Service on December 7th, featured a large Christmas Tree, prettily decorated and lighted. At the children's service the tree was soon hung with many gifts for the children at the Frog Lake Indian School. The adults brought food for hampers. These latter gifts were placed in a manger and were a renewed expression of the goodwill of the congregation towards others less fortunate.

It is a great joy to the parishioners that Canon and Mrs. Wallis have now taken up residence in the Vicarage and have commenced their ministry at St. Luke's. We feel sure that their work will be guided and blessed by Him whom we all endeavour, however inadequately, to serve.

Our best wishes for 1948 go, with our love, to friends far and near.

#### ST. MARY'S

The Rev. Wm. T. Elkin

We take very great pleasure in extending New Year's Greetings and Good Wishes to our congregation and to the readers of the Edmonton Churchman.

**W.A.**—A Service of a W.A. Corporate Communion for the afternoon and evening groups was held on Sunday, November 30th, at which time Mrs. E. World, an original member of St. Mary's W.A. was presented with a Life Member's pin and certificate. Mrs. S. F. Tackaberry, Diocesan President and Mrs. W. F. Croft, President of the afternoon group, assisted in the presentation. Mrs. World has served the branch faithfully and well.

The afternoon group are once again to be congratulated on the success which attended their annual Christmas Bazaar and Tea efforts. The happy report is that their preparation and hard work for this event was well rewarded.

**Junior W.A. and G.A.**—A Membership and Presentation service was held for the Junior W.A. and G.A. on St. Andrew's Day. The work of the girls was on display and the Rector presented the stripes and badges to those who earned them during the season. At the conclusion of the service, refreshments were served by the G.A. and an attractive chorus of thirty-two Juniors, dressed in their green skirts and beanies, obligingly sang all their Junior Songs for the mothers and W.A. members who so kindly came and gave their support to the service.

**Chi-Rho Fellowship**—Mr. Harold L. Weir, Assistant Editor of the Edmonton Bulletin was guest speaker at the meeting of the Fellowship on Thursday, November 20th. His subject was "Church of England and the Monarchy"—a very timely and interesting talk, particularly as the date of the meeting coincided with that of the

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wedding of Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip.

**A.Y.P.A.**—"Busy as bees" is how we like to report the activities of our A.Y.P.A. for the past month, although they confess to enjoying no less than two parties during that period. However, the bulk of their youthful energy was put into the ultimate success of another in their series of Whist Drives which took place on Friday, November 28th. Their party dates were November 14th, when they joined the other A.Y.'s at Christ Church A.Y. Birthday Party, and on November 21st, when a very happy party for their own members took place in our Parish Hall.

**Choir Carol Festival**—On Monday evening, December 15th, a packed church was the reward of the choir in their presentation of Christmas music. The programme was very well arranged, the congregation taking part in the carol singing with evident enjoyment. Anthems, duets and solos by members of the choir were also enjoyed.

**Holy Baptism**—Mary Jane Robinson, Wm. Gordon Bradshaw, Kenneth Frank Bradley, Joycelynne Hazel Edmond, Pamela Kay Wright.

**Holy Matrimony**—Leonard Cundict-Grace Juanita Woodring, both of Hattonford, Alberta.

We regret to report the death of Mr. Herbert Jones in Victoria. Prior to moving to the Coast, both Mr. and Mrs. Jones were active members of St. Mary's congregation, Mr. Jones being organist for many years. The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Mrs. Jones and Thomas.

The new Parish Correspondent for the Edmonton Churchman is Mrs. C. Curtis, 11142 62nd Street, phone 72763.

Group Secretaries are asked to mail or telephone news of their respective groups to Mrs. Curtis on or before the 15th of each month.

#### ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

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The Ladies' Circle have bought material and Mrs. Byers and Mrs. Currey are making up surplices for our all-girls choir. It is fully expected that the surplices will be ready for our Christmas Service and all members of the congregation are thrilled at the prospect.

There has been a slight change in our Sunday Services. One service will be held at 11 o'clock, with the parents and children all joining in with the opening of the Morning Service. During the second hymn the Sunday School children leave for the Parish Hall, next door, to hold their Sunday School. As Sunday School and Church finish at the same time it makes it very convenient for the parents with young children as they are able to come to church with them and walk home with them again after the service.

A certain amount of work has been done around the Church lately. Weather stripping has been placed around all windows and the glass puttied where

necessary. We have to thank Mr. Clarence Hall for his donation of labour and material in extending the roof jack.

We are fortunate in having Mr. Currey or Mr. Young of St. Faith's to take our service on those odd occasions when Mr. Watt or Mr. Wilson are unable to come.

Our little Church is rather crowded when all the parents and Sunday School children are in, but we can always find room for another family or two, and we wish to invite all those who are not regular attenders at Church to come along every Sunday at 11 a.m. with their children.

#### ST. PAUL'S

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The Rev. G. D. Kelly

By the time this reaches you we shall be into a new year and our sincere hope and prayer is that it may be a truly happy one for all.

As we write these notes everyone is busy preparing for Christmas and the organizations of the Church are no exception. The A.Y.P.A. have a Christmas party planned as have the Wolf Cubs, the Brownies and the Guides. Then, too, there is the annual Sunday Schol Concert and Tree that has been occupying the minds of scholars and teachers alike for several weeks past. We shall be able to tell you more about it in our next issue.

The W.A. Bazaar was held on December 3rd and was a decided success. Our congratulations to the Afternoon and Evening Groups and to the G.A. The quality and quantity of fancy goods and home cooking put up for sale, not to mention the delicious afternoon tea that was served, all indicated how hard the ladies of the Parish had worked to prepare for this annual event. They want to thank all those who so generously supported the Bazaar.

We are looking forward to playing host to the Sunday School Association on the evening of January 6th.

November the 21st was an evening of real fun for the bowling teams of the Parish when they met eight stalwart members of St. John's Parish. Etiquette will not permit us to say how the scores read or even to say who managed to win. But we may say that the losers were elected to wash the supper dishes and never has our Parish had so many dishes washed in so short a time by so many men with so little effort on our part. Rumour has it that a return match is in the offing and the last wind from the South-side carried the melody: "There'll be some changes made!"

The A.Y.P.A. sponsored a very enjoyable evening of Military Whist last month and plan to put some of the proceeds to the good work of repairing some of the Church kneeling pads and procuring more of the same.

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and Inheritors of the Kingdom of Heaven: Francis and Helen Van Dusen; Dianne Mary Millar; Danny William Cherney.

It is with deep regret that we must shortly say good-by to Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Deacon when they leave Edmonton to take up residence in Winnipeg. The Afternoon Branch will lose not only an active member but a very conscientious and capable Secretary. The Vestry will likewise lose an enthusiastic member and the Rector his able and faithful warden. We wish them God Speed as they go to take up their work in their new home.

### ST. STEPHEN'S

The Rev. C. E. F. Wolff

The second stage of the renovation of St. Stephen's has now been completed with the redecoration of the chancel and sanctuary. The first stage was the exterior, including the badly deteriorated roofing. This was completed before winter commenced. The redecorated chancel has three tones of cream as its motif, and in addition a new burner has been placed in the sanctuary lamp. It has been the policy of the parish to complete only such work as could be paid for without incurring debt. The third stage will be the redecoration of the nave, for which purpose the wardens are now receiving donations.

The Altar Guild held its annual meeting on December 9 and elected: President, Mrs. T. F. Swallow; Vice-President, Countess De la Feld; Secretary-treasurer, Mrs. C. E. F. Wolff; needle work convenor, Mrs. H. L. Weir.

Annual parishioners' meeting has been set for Monday, January 19. As some significant milestones in the history of the parish have been passed during 1947, and some important steps contemplated during 1948, a good attendance is expected.

At the time of this writing the choir is giving a great deal of effort to preparation of Christmas music, including carol services for the Sundays preceding and following, and the Midnight Eucharist which will this year be broadcast—the first time an Anglican Midnight Eucharist has been broadcast in the diocese. The thanks of the parish are due to the manager and staff of radio station CKUA for this facility, and to Messrs. Heintzman, Edmonton, for the loan of a Minshall electric organ.

The Willing Workers held a successful bazaar and to all who assisted—thanks.

The Junior A.Y.P.A. gave a tea in aid of the church restoration fund and on the evening of December 15 they were hosts at a birthday party in the rector's honour.

**Baptisms:** Gloria Jean Clemons, Susan Lorraine Kerr, Barbara Ruth Dixon.

### Services:

Sundays: Holy Communion at 8 a.m. Church school, 10 a.m.; sung Eucharist, 11 a.m.; Evensong, 7.30 p.m.

Weekdays: Holy Communion on Monday at 8, Wednesday at 10, Thursday at 7 and Saturday at 8 a.m. Evensong at 5.30 p.m., 7.30 p.m. on Saturdays. Confessions: After Evensong on Saturday or by appointment.

### ST. MATTHEW'S MISSION

On December 2nd at St. Matthew's Mission, 10208 90th St., the Rev. C. E. F. Wolff gave a short service and presented the Junior W.A. with their pins. These included, Audrey Bailey, Donna Poulsom, Jeanette Sulliver, Joan Lambert, Elaine Burton.

The same evening a social was held in the Church Hall. Members of St. Stephen's A.Y.P.A. supplied the music and sang popular songs for the entertainment of those present.

The annual meeting of the W.A. will be held at the home of Mrs. Wolff on January 14th.

### Services

Communion—2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at 9:15 a.m.

Evensong—1st and 3rd Sundays at 3:00 p.m.

### ST. MARY'S, FORT SASKATCHEWAN

The Rev. W. W. Buxton

We are at the beginning of a New Year with all its plans and hopes for the future. The old year has not fulfilled all our plans for this parish, but if it be God's will we hope to begin an extensive building campaign in connection with the church as soon as possible in the spring.

We have had the pleasure of the Rev. F. A. Peake at several of our services during December.

The W.A. held its annual meeting at the Rectory. A very good report of the branch was given, with all the members looking forward to the New Year.

### ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST GRAND CENTRE, ALTA.

Services are being held each Sunday with Sung Evensong and Sermon at 3:00 p.m. On Advent Sunday, the Litany was said, and a Sermon preached on the subject of Repentance. It was on Advent Sunday, 1938, that services were commenced for the first time in this district, and this Advent we were exhorted to review what progress we had made in the Spiritual life individually, and what progress the Church had made in the district as a whole. The next two Sundays the subject matter of Sermons will be on the immense value of the Holy Scriptures, and of the Holy Sacraments to the world, and to individuals. Advent for this Church will end with the Bishop's visit to take Christmas Services on Sunday, Dec. 21st. It is hoped that there will be a big gathering at the Eucharist at 11:00 a.m., on that

day, and that all those who are confirmed will be sure to make their Communions.

On the 25th, the Rev. C. E. F. Wolff came to us. There was a Celebration of Holy Communion at 8:00 a.m., with the wedding of Francis Munson and Hazel Lucas later in the day, followed by a Nuptial Eucharist. The bride and groom were a very happy couple, and the bride was given away by her father, Mr. Albert Lucas, with Mr. Steve Brown of Cold Lake as best man. The bride was attended by her bridesmaid, Miss Christina Golightly, also of Cold Lake.

On Saturday, Nov. 22nd, Holy Baptism was administered to the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lambert Lonsdale, naming her Rebecca Martha. The service was taken in the Church after a forty-mile drive by the mother from the Bonnyville Hospital.

The work on the outside of the new Recreation Hall is almost finished, and we hope that it will be completed by Christmas. Work on the interior of the Church Rectory should also be completed by that time.

On Nov. 14th, the Ladies' Guild held their Annual Dinner, Sale and Dance, which greatly assisted in paying off a lumber bill owing for the brick-board used for the Church Rectory. Again we say "thank you" to these faithful women who steadily work and so greatly assist in providing a large share of the funds needed to cover the cost of necessary buildings.

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### ST. MARY'S, BARRHEAD

The Rev. D. V. A. Browne

On November 15, the W.A. held their annual bazaar in the community hall which was well attended. Tea was served during the afternoon.

In October a Church School was formed. It is held in the Vicarage on Saturday mornings at 10 a.m.

On December 1, St. Andrew's Day (transferred), the Corporate Communion of the W.A. was held at 7:30 p.m. The Junior W.A. also attended this service when their membership cards were presented and the cup, won in May at the Festival, was placed in the church.

The Rev. E. Heuer, District Secretary of the North Alberta Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, was a guest speaker at the evening service on November 23.

**Baptisms:** Denise Ingrid Holmberg, Dale Gordon Holland.

**Holy Matrimony**—Rino Bassani, Naples, to Betty Staniland, Barrhead, on December 9, at 3 p.m.

### ST. LUKE'S, SION

Although the church has been closed since 1945, the members of the congregation under Lay Reader Percy Loydall have been active and recently had the roof of the church reshingled. They hope to have it painted when weather conditions are satisfactory.

On Monday, December 8, the Vicar and Mrs. Browne visited the community and were able to see several members of the church.

### ST. PHILLIPS, WESTLOCK

On November 16, a meeting of the Vestry was held after service to discuss the renewal of the insurance policy on the church, hall and vicarage.

On December 3, the Ladies' Guild held their last meeting of this year. As has been the custom in previous years, this meeting is always more of a social gathering than a business meeting.

### CHRIST CHURCH, JARVIE

The W.A. held a most successful bazaar on December 12, in the Legion Hall. During the afternoon tea was served. In the evening they had a Whist Drive and afterwards a supper. The net proceeds were \$175.10. This was remarkable as their numbers are small and it was their second bazaar to be held this year.

The Christmas Service was held on December 15, at 8 p.m. and in spite of very cold weather many attended.

### ST. STEPHEN'S, SUNNYBANK

The Christmas Service was held on December 14, at 3 p.m. Mr. Raymont of Rossington played the Christmas music.

It was fortunate that road and weather conditions were favorable.

### ST. JOHN'S, CADOMIN

Our bazaar on November 8th was very successful.

On Nov. 30th the St. Andrew's Service was held at 7 p.m. with a very good attendance.

On Dec. 7th Evensong was held by the Ven. S. F. Tackaberry followed by a Communion Service. These services were much appreciated.

We expect to have a service once a month during the winter months. Canon Clough is to take our Christmas Service on Dec. 21st.

At our regular W.A. meeting held at the home of Mrs. Miller we planned a Carol Service for Christmas Eve.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. Rice has been ill for several weeks, but glad to say she is now on the road to recovery.

### ST. CATHERINE'S, EDSON

The Little Helpers, conducted by Mrs. White, held their Annual Rally on November 14th. Mrs. Rear kindly took the service in the Church, in the absence of a Rector and Mrs. Ball, Mrs. Madge and Mrs. Gerard helped in the kitchen.

Several children were unable to attend on account of chicken pox, but it was a very nice service, followed by a delightful party in the Parish Hall, with balloons and candy. Eleven Little Helpers, two visitors and six mothers were present and the sum of \$7.86 was realized from the boxes. Mrs. White, Little Helpers' Secretary, wishes to thank all who helped to make the occasion a success.

The W.A. conducted a very successful sale of work, home cooking and tea on December 6th. We were especially pleased to have members of both groups of girls' clubs present, the older group being under Mrs. Elliott and the Juniors led by Mrs. Ball and Mrs. Dakin. The girls sold some of their own work, also candy, and the Church calendars.

A Committee of the W.A. also catered to the Masons during the month.

Canon Clough conducted services here on the 4th Sunday of November and the 2nd of December, when there

was a Carol Service in the evening. We shall greatly miss our Christmas Eve Communion this year, and can only hope that such an event will not occur again.

Work is proceeding on the Rectory basement, and we can be thankful for the fine weather to assist operations.

### ST. MARY AND ST. GEORGE JASPER

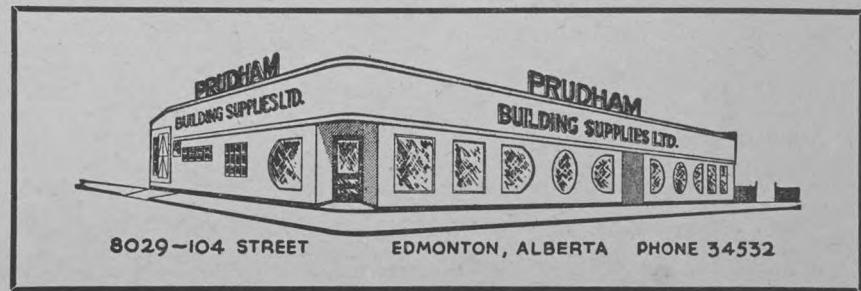
The Rev. T. C. B. Boon

The Vestry met on November 25th and held one of the best sessions of the year. Considerable discussion took place respecting the Church's finances both in the present and future, and a real step forward was taken when it was decided to accept the offer made by Messrs. Hudson and Crowther to canvass the Parish for new Envelope subscribers, and to solicit increased subscriptions from those who already give to the Church in this way. In 1948 the Diocese has got to meet an increased amount so that the work of the Church may go forward and we therefore shall have to increase the amount of our giving to the central funds. We also hope to form early in the new year Senior and Junior Chapters of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

On November 30th the stoker contracted some temporary trouble, and at short notice the morning Service had to be transferred to the Parish Hall. We should like to thank those who cooperated so willingly in arranging the 'move'. This was the day of the W.A. Corporate Communion and everybody agreed that it was a beautiful service.

The Junior Branch of the W.A. had its Admission Service on November 28th, when all the girls were presented with new membership cards, and several with the badges and stripes they had earned. The G.A. Admission Service was made part of the regular evening service on St. Andrew's Day; six new members were admitted. The Sunday School White Gift Service was held on the morning of December 14th, and once again the members responded by bringing a wonderful number of gifts all beautifully wrapped up.

The W.A. Sale of Work on December 3rd was very successful and all the stalls reported very satisfactory returns. The afternoon tea was convened by the members of the Evening Branch W.A. while the G.A. and J.B.W.A. each had their own stalls and a new feat-



ure was introduced this year in the way of a fish-pond. Later in the evening the usual pleasant Whist Drive was held. We should like to thank Mrs. Popey and Mrs. McComas, the Presidents of our two W.A.'s and Mrs. Kilgour and Mrs. Peterson, the leaders of Girls and Juniors, and through them all the helpers, for their hard work and keen interest in making this such a success.

The season of Annual Meetings is already at hand. The J.B.W.A. held its Annual Meeting on December 10th when Dorothy Peterson was elected President; Joyce Hartley, Vice-President; Primrose Heckley, Secretary; Shirley Watt, Treasurer; Glenda Church, Secretary for the Junior Living Message and Dorothy Peterson appointed Banner Bearer. The Annual Meeting of the Evening Branch W.A. will be held on Monday, January 12th and that of the Senior Branch on Wednesday, January 14th. The Vestry will meet on Tuesday, January 6th to receive the accounts for 1947 and to appoint a date for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation, the date of which will be announced later.

At its meeting in December the members of the Evening Branch W.A. packed a parcel of Christmas Gifts which was sent to the Bishop for the Frog Lake Mission.

By the help of Mr. Crowther screens have no been made by which the Parish Hall can be divided into two. We shall now be able to hold the whole Sunday School in the main hall during the winter and so save some fuel, as well as provide much more comfortable quarters for the younger children; and we think the screens will be found useful on other occasions.

#### ST. JOHN'S, ONOWAY

Canon J. C. Matthews

The Sunday service is at 11 a.m. Church School on Wednesday at 3.30 p.m.

Annual W.A. Meeting, Thursday, Jan. 8th.

Vestry Meeting, Thursday, Jan. 15th. Annual Parishioners Meeting, Thursday, Jan. 22nd.

## Rural Deanery of Vermilion

#### VERMILION

The Rev. T. W. Teape

#### Self Supporting Parish

At a meeting of the Vestry held on Monday, November 17th it was decided to constitute the Church in the Vermilion district as a self supporting parish. At the meeting itself there was a fine feeling of enthusiasm in evidence and since that time many men and women have wished good luck to the venture. This memorable step is the result of the untiring efforts of a host of the Clergy and parishioners.

A parish history "From Gilbert to

The Church School has now 25 members and three teachers besides the Superintendent.

The Christmas Tree was held on Friday, Dec. 19th.

We have had two religious movies in the Onoway Public Hall, which was lent free of charge.

Mrs. Kettle was the recipient of some parting gifts at the last meeting of the W.A. She left for England on the 15th.

Service was held on the first Sunday, in Dec. at the church in Brookdale. It is hoped to maintain a regular service there in the afternoon on the first Sunday of each month. The church is a beautiful building and very well furnished. These country churches among the farms and trees are most important, standing there as Houses of God and witnessing to Him.

An Altar Book which came originally from St. Faith's at Edmonton, but not used now at Onoway, has been donated to St. Matthew's Church at Dufield.

Dr. Puddicombe and his wife and child have settled in at Evansburg. Coming from Devonshire the contrast is rather great but the doctor says he likes it here very much.

Mrs. Young entertained some of the congregation to tea after the service on the 14th.

#### DRAYTON VALLEY

We all look forward to seeing the Bishop or one of the Clergy for our Christmas Communion.

On Nov. 29th our Bazaar and Chicken Supper was held in the Drayton Valley Hall.

It was a great success and a pleasure to see so many outsiders come in for supper.

On Dec. 10th the W.A. meeting was held in the Mission House. Twelve members were in attendance.

Plans were made for the Children's party also for the old folk's parcels for Christmas.

Our Sunday School and Church Service is going along slowly but surely, and we are looking forward to the Bishop sending us a helper in the near future.

"Leversedge" would provide many interesting clues.

Can we look forward in the not too distant future to a new church and parish hall? It is a worthwhile target to aim at. In this whole matter no one is forgetting what a lot of help and hard work Archdeacon Tackaberry has given to us in enabling us to gain financial autonomy.

The W.A. held a very successful Sale of Work and Tea on December 5th. A beautifully decorated Christmas Tree gave a festive air to the occasion, which was highlighted by the sing-

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ing of Christmas Carols by the Junior Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Day, followed by the arrival of Santa Claus, who delighted the many children who were present.

On October 30th we had a visit from the Reverend L. A. C. Smith, Field Secretary of the G.B.R.E. for Western Canada, who gave a most interesting talk on the work of the Board.

We are very sorry to lose two valued members of our Auxiliary: Mrs. S. E. Barwick has left to take up residence near Victoria, British Columbia, and Mrs. Hall is now residing in Edmonton.

#### ST. MARY'S, CLANDONALD

The Rev. W. J. Brant

The regular monthly meeting of the W.A. was held at the home of Mrs. Seal. There was a good attendance, and a busy time was spent marking the goods for the Bazaar.

After all business was completed, lunch was served by Mrs. Turner and Mrs. Dayson. The J.W.A. also prepared their goods for the Bazaar.

On Sat., Dec. 6th there was a good showing at all stalls and we feel sure that each department did nicely. This last week the Rev. L. A. C. Smith visited us with his Lantern Slides, and very interesting talk.

The few people who attended enjoyed Mr. Smith's visit very much.

On Sunday we expected Bishop Barfoot to visit us. This time the electricity played tricks with us (we had no lights) consequently we had no service.

I think Bishop Barfoot will remember one other time when the lights failed us on his visit here, though only for a short time, when one lady in the church used her flash light.

Dec. 22nd the Sunday School children are putting on their Christmas Concert and we are sure it will be good, as our young folks sing so nicely.

Before this is in print we shall be celebrating the Christmas Festival, may we all be thankful for the many blessings we enjoy.

#### LANDONVILLE

The Landonville W.A. met at the home of Mrs. Neville Molineaux for the December meeting with five members and one visitor present, the Rev. and Mrs. Brant arriving later. At this meeting a motion was made to pay \$50 to the local vestry, to pay ten dollars toward the broadcasting of church services also to purchase gifts for two very faithful W.A. members who have now taken up permanent residence in Victoria, B.C. Mrs. Harold Dorey and Mrs. A. Semple. We wish them much health and happiness in the years to come and hope we shall have them with us occasionally.

Each member volunteered to donate articles toward the Clandonald W.A. bazaar on December 6th.

During the year 1947 our branch has held 8 meetings with an average at-

tendance of 6. We have also had seven quilting bees in the past year, so we look to the New Year with renewed energy and the sincere hope of new members to strengthen our ranks in our Saviour's work.

St. Mary Magdalenes Church, Landonville was the scene of a wedding conducted by the Rev. W. Brant on October 28th between Hilda Fay Goldsmith and William Richard Dorey.

This parish lost 2 more members of the church when Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dorey moved to Summerland, B.C. this past month. Our very best wishes go with them to their new home.

#### ST. JOHN'S, KITSCLYTY

On Dec. 7th we had our usual monthly service, this time morning prayer. It is a long time since we had such a nice morning service. There were 24 present although it was rather a cold day. Mr. Brant gave us his usual good address which was enjoyed by all.

On Dec. 11th we had the usual monthly meeting of the W.A. The results of our Bazaar which was held on the 6th were announced. We took in over \$122 and consider this a grand sum considering the fact that there are now only 10 members active. After business was despatched our hostess Mrs. Sheppard served a dainty lunch.

#### WILBERFORCE

The Rev. V. P. Cole

St. Andrews-tide was observed by the members of the Wilberforce W.A. at a special Service held on November 30th. Holy Communion was also celebrated.

The December W.A. meeting was held at the home of Mrs. P. Davies Jr. on Dec. 4th. Mrs. W. Davies was appointed as our first Little Helpers' Secretary and was instructed to send for the necessary material to assist with her work.

A donation of two dollars was voted to the Dorcas Department.

Plans were completed for our annual Children's Christmas Party to be held December 17th.

**Holy Matrimony:** James Milburn and Kay Violet Gilbert. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. V. P. Cole at Christ Church, Manville, November 21.

#### ST. ALBAN'S, CHAILEY

Service was held on Nov. 9 and on Nov. 30, the latter being a combination service for St. Andrew's Day and Evensong. Holy Communion was celebrated.

A very nice bridge and whist party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Thomas. \$12.25 was realized.

The Annual W.A. meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Ewers with eleven members and one visitor in attendance.

The annual report and financial statement were read, and it was found we had taken in more receipts and ex-



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pended more than any previous year, the balance being \$37.29.

It was decided to hold the Christmas party for the kiddies on Dec. 27 in the school. Two dollars was voted to the Dorcas appeal and \$6.60 to the Anglican Women's Training College being the amount of the offertory taken on St. Andrew's Day. A letter was read from Mannville W.A.'s Little Helpers' Secretary re the forming of a Little Helpers' Department. Plans were made in this direction after the Rev. V. Cole explained the details. We are planning to hold our annual bazaar in April, materials to be bought from the funds as last year. An invitation was to be sent to a district resident to attend the Christmas party with her children. It was decided to purchase the study book 'One Family for 1948'.

The officers for 1948 are: Pres.: Mrs. Norman; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Scott; Sec-treas., Kathleen Sutton; Executive Committee: Mrs. Ewers, Mrs. McDonald and Mrs. Osinchuk; Auditors: Mrs. W. R. Cornish and Mrs. Ted Cornish; Edmonton Annual Delegates, Mrs. Ewers and Mrs. Hollyoake; Deanery Delegate, Mrs. W. R. Cornish.

The first W.A. meeting for 1948 will be held at the home of Mrs. McDonald on Jan. 7.

Mrs. Scott was hostess at a bridge party held in her home to aid the W.A. funds.

#### VEGREVILLE

The Rev. H. G. Brant

By the time you read this Christmas will be over and the New Year on its way. At St. Mary's we are having a midnight celebration of Holy Communion Christmas Eve.

Following our usual custom at every Sung Eucharist, we shall sing Merbecke's setting of the Holy Communion. The grandeur of the Credo, the solemnity of the Canon and the majesty of the Gloria will be most fitting on this occasion. In the absence of our organist, Mrs. Geo. Kuwata, Miss Anita Scott, a member of the United Church, has kindly offered to play the organ for our Christmas Services.

A visitation of the laity by the laity has been conducted during the season of Advent in preparation for the Festival of the Nativity.

The Church School is having the Annual Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 23rd. Mrs. McGowan has graciously offered her home for this occasion.

The renovation of the interior of the Church is now taking place. Much had already been accomplished through the voluntary services of Messrs. John Nicholson, Ken Warren, Geo. Warren, Wm. Thornton, Rod Dunn, Jas Rennie, Oliver Hughes, Si Richards and the Rev. H. Brant.

#### HOLY TRINITY, SODA LAKE

The Rev. H. G. Brant

There was a Celebration of The Holy Communion at our regular service on Nov. 23rd.

Our little church was nearly filled to capacity on December 7th. The short form of Evensong was used along

with the baptismal service. Those baptised were Ralph Gregory, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Axani, and Charles George, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dary, all of Willingdon.

Our Christmas Communion will be celebrated on December 28th, at 2:30 in the afternoon.

## Rural Deanery of Wainwright

#### HOLY TRINITY, TOFIELD

The Rev. E. N. P. Orme

The W.A. met at the home of Mrs. Orme on Thursday, Nov. 27th with six members present—a week earlier than usual as final arrangements were to be made for the Christmas Bazaar and the articles on hand were also priced. The Bazaar was a decided success. Home Cooking, Sewing, Novelties, etc., were soon sold and the miscellaneous table by the Sunday-School was also well patronized. Over one hundred people enjoyed lunch. We wish to thank all who attended and those who donated and all who helped in any way in the interests of the cause.

The Annual Christmas Party was held in the Church Hall on Saturday, Dec. 13th with 14 adults and 33 children in attendance, ranging in ages from babes in arms to thirteen and fourteen years old. The weather was delightful, which made it easier for those coming long distances. A short program followed by Carol singing, games, lunch and distribution of gifts from the tree was enjoyed. We were glad to welcome our country mothers and children and we really did enjoy ourselves. The room was overflowing but everything went off very smoothly and happily.

Services have been held regularly but flu and various sicknesses have played havoc with the attendance at times.

The St. Andrew's Day W.A. Service was held on Sunday, Nov. 30th at 3 p.m. Six members were present and the offering was given for the Anglican Women's Training College.

#### ST. MATTHEW'S, VIKING

The Rev. E. N. P. Orme

The W.A. met at the home of Mrs. Meredith, Nov. 13th with a good attendance.

Results of Bazaar were discussed and \$200 donated to the Vestry for church expenses.

Mrs. R. Clark kindly consented to conduct the service on St. Andrew's Day.

Several of our members visited the hospital and others called on newcomers to town.

Mrs. C. R. Smith entertained the Rural Deanery at the tea hour, when a very enjoyable time was spent.

Dec. meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Meluc. \$25 was donated to the

Pew Fund and we hope to be able to buy these very necessary furnishings for our Church in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Clark offered to clean and decorate the church for the Christmas Services.

We were all pleased to welcome Mrs. Rayment, who was a visitor in town last month.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. C. R. Smith is in hospital but hope she will be home for Christmas.

#### RODINO NOTES

On November 29 the Bean Supper turned out a great success. The weather was perfect for the occasion, which brought out folks from near and far. We were pleased to greet Mr. Daniel from Kelowna, B.C.; Mrs. Rayment, Joyce and Fred from Edmonton; the Rector and Mrs. Orme and girls from Tofield, and a good many from surrounding points. The Fish Pond as usual did a roaring business and the "Fish" were very worthwhile articles. There

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was a bountiful display of homemade goods, which sold readily. Local men played for the dance which lasted till midnight. It was very pleasing to hear that the crowd enjoyed themselves so greatly.

A Christmas party with Santa Claus has been arranged for the children of the W.A. members and Rodino district the last Sunday afternoon before Christmas, which will follow Communion service on that day.

St. Andrew's Day and Church Services were combined and held at 2.30 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Revill. A good percentage of the community was represented at this service.

On Dec. 7, the second Sunday in Advent, the service was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Beckett.

One week ahead of schedule, the W.A. held their December meeting at Mrs. Revills' home. The Pledge for 1947 has now been paid. A donation has also been made to the Rectory Fund. In early January a parcel of remnants is being ordered to prepare garments and novelties for a spring Bazaar. The Roll Call for this month was answered with a variety of things. One was a hint for decorating the Christmas tree, another was a prayer, another a Christmas poem, also directions for making a centrepiece for the holiday season.

#### WAINWRIGHT

The Rev. F. E. Smith

Plans are being made in all departments of our church for the proper celebration of the Christmas festival. The Sunday School teachers and pupils are planning a concert and tree to be held the Monday after Christmas. The A.Y.P.A. have undertaken the task of providing presents for the children; they are also sponsoring the lunch for the children's party. The A.Y. have also agreed to look after the Christmas decorations for the church. It means a lot to have such a hard working group and a great deal of credit must go to the energetic leader Mr. Roland Wilkins.

The Choir are working hard on special anthems and Christmas music. Recently we have welcomed several new members to the senior choir who are able to read music easily, this has helped a great deal at the practices.

The Junior W.A. have completed a busy season's work. Their last effort was the manufacture of brooches to be used as Christmas presents for their mothers. We are grateful to Mrs. Cheesewright for helping the girls with their various projects during the past few weeks.

The Girls' Auxiliary ended their pre-Christmas activities with a supper meeting.

A long felt need is being remedied in our parish hall; cupboard space is being provided for each of the various groups associated with the church. We

are indeed grateful to Mr. T. Lissimore and Mr. P. Armishaw for the excellent work they have done in this connection.

Owing to the kindness of the W.A. a new circulating gas heater has been placed in the rectory living room. We are grateful to Mr. H. Smart for looking after the installation.

Our thanks to Mr. Armishaw and Mr. Roland Wilkins for making an additional book case for the rector's study.

#### ST. MARY'S, EDGERTON

The Rev. W. D. Ellway

The Rector wishes everyone in Edgerton and district, and all readers of the Churchman, a very happy and prosperous New Year, and takes this opportunity of thanking all who have been so kind and helpful to his family and himself during the time that they have been in Edgerton.

The attendance at Holy Communion has greatly improved since the time of service was changed. This improvement, particularly as it was noted during the solemn season of Advent, marks a definite spiritual advance on our part.

Mrs. Kington, with Mrs. Groves of the United Church again made the annual collection for the British and Foreign Bible Society. \$61 was the amount collected, an improvement over last year by \$5.00. The Society has done and still does much to spread

the Gospel message and we are glad that Edgerton has helped so well.

#### ST. PATRICK'S, HEATH

The W.A. held a chicken supper at Mr. and Mrs. Ford's home on Nov. 28th. The excellent supper was followed by a short entertainment and the evening was enjoyed by the large number present. We all thank Mr. and Mrs. Ford for their hospitality.

The Sunday School party held on Dec. 13th was another much enjoyed event, and all will thank Mr. and Mrs. Patterson for their kindness. We played games, sang carols and had a lovely supper, and Santa Claus had called earlier and left a bag of presents.

#### ROSEMOYNE

The Rector is very pleased that he is now a member of the Rosemoyne Lodge of the Orange Association. He is a firm believer in the value of any fraternal society, and particularly of such a one as the Orange Association, a body with a definite religious aim, an aim which he was pleased to find was not altogether what the name might imply. He now appeals to all members to fulfil their obligation regularly by attendance at the church services, a thing that most of them do anyway.

## Rural Deanery of Wetaskiwin

#### ST. JOHN'S, MILLET

The Rev. S. J. Bell

The Guild held a very successful Bazaar and Tea on Nov. 29th, \$217.00 being realized.

It is the ambition of the members to replace the chairs with pews in the church and it is towards this end they are working.

The Annual Meeting of the Guild is being held in Dec. at the home of Mrs. E. R. Hoskins.

#### CAMROSE

The Rev. C. F. W. Goddard

First of all we would extend to our new Rector, to Mrs. Goddard and small Nicholas a very warm welcome. May we respond with enthusiasm to everything which will further the Kingdom

of Christ on earth, especially among the young people.

The most important event for December was the Induction of the Rev. C. F. W. Goddard by the Right Rev. W. F. Barfoot in the presence of the combined congregations of Camrose and Bittern Lake. The service was beautifully impressive. Of the many challenging things worded by the Bishop, these will remain in the memory. "Public worship is a witness: there is a special sanctity in going to Church. The bell calls you to a tryst—God has made a rendezvous with you". Bill Blades acted as the Bishop's standard-bearer.

During the reception afterwards, everyone had an opportunity of meeting the new Rector and Mrs. Goddard. The Bishop commended them to their

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people, and the Wardens of Bittern Lake and Camrose welcomed and accepted them on our behalf.

There is something refreshing about a White Gift Service. Our gifts have gone to Frog Lake Mission with many good wishes. The Rector kept the children interested with his talk and five year old Ricky remarked "it was a nice story, wasn't it?"

Our Christmas Bazaar was a happy affair. The Memory Booth, a new venture, proved interesting, and the G.A. had a wonderful table of Shell-craft sets and candy and plants. Please, everyone, accept our very sincere "thank you".

A special word of thanks should go to Mrs. Maglis. The situation must be almost unique. Our President, and 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents moved away within a month, and left us without a leader. We asked Mrs. Maglis to be our President for the rest of the W.A. year and she agreed to do this. The next word is accomplishment, we catered for two banquets, had a Farewell Party, a Bazaar, and the reception welcoming the Rev. and Mrs. C. F. W. Goddard, and everything went well.

To Mrs. Pelans' Group and the Young Married Group under Mrs. Cliff Bradley, the W.A., and Building Fund offer sincere and grateful thanks for the cheques handed in at the December Business Meeting.

For all the love and work and interest which is being woven into the being of our Church, we thank God.

**Baptisms**— "And He called young children to Him . . ." Beverly Ann Burrows.

#### ST. DUNSTAN'S, BITTERN LAKE

A large number gathered at the Community Hall, Nov. 20th, to bid farewell to Canon and Mrs. A. Wallis and Mrs. Noland before their departure for Edmonton. Various forms of entertainment were provided including a beautiful lunch, and lastly presentations were made to each of the guests of honor. Mr. A. C. Birchall, the people's warden, presented a purse to Canon and Mrs. Wallis from the congregation, and gifts from the W.A. were presented to Mrs. Wallis and Mrs. Noland by the President, Mrs. Baker. We all wish them every happiness in their new home.

The W.A. met for Corporate Communion on St. Andrew's Day. This was also the last service held by Canon Wallis as our Rector.

The highlight of W.A. activities for the year was the Sale of Work, Dec. 5th, which was most successful. A show by the National Film Board provided entertainment for the evening. The W.A. are very grateful to all who contributed in any way towards the Sale, but especial thanks are due Mrs. Geo. Owen, the auctioneer, and Mrs. J. B. Hayfield, the W.A. Dorcas Secretary.

Thursday, Dec. 11, the W.A. met for their Annual Meeting at the home of

Mrs. Wm. Ramsell. Very satisfactory reports were presented and all obligations have been met. The election of officers resulted in the re-election of the entire slate except that for Sec.-treasurer. Mrs. A. C. Birchall, who has held that office for a number of years declined re-election, and Mrs. E. R. Ochsner is the new Sec.-treasurer. The Rev. C. F. W. Goddard and Mrs. Goddard were welcome guests at the meeting and also at the congregational social hour which followed and which had been arranged in their honor and to give the congregation an opportunity to welcome them. We thank Mrs. Ramsell very much for lending her house for the occasion.

**Baptisms**: Diane Carol Butcher and Mark Elmer Maygard on Nov. 23rd.

#### SEGEWICK, KILLAM, HARDISTY

The Rev. W. Brooks

**Killam**—The following officers were elected at the annual W.A. meeting held in Mrs. Neely's home: Pres., Mrs. R. H. Smith; Sec'y, Mrs. Felgate; Treas., Mrs. Lackey; Dorcas, Mrs. Neely. We extend our best wishes to the new executive and our assurances of continued co-operation in the future. The congregation of St. George's extend their deepest sympathy to the many members of the Child family who were recently bereaved. Mr. Halsall has undertaken the task of gathering material whereby we might have records of the church brought upto date. This is not an easy task, as our records are very scanty, and to many of the older members of the church and community there will be appeal to fill in details. Histories are valuable, as the days of the old West are almost ended, and it is our duty to record for posterity the beginnings of things. Especially do we require the activities of the Lay people for record. So many histories, so-called, are mere lists of successive clergy that they do not give an adequate picture of our story. Let us have the stories of those who pioneered and held the church together through very difficult times.

**Burial**—Edwin Child.

**Sedgewick**—The corporate communion for the W.A. was held Nov. 30th, and the annual meeting early in Dec. The 1948 executive consists of Mrs. F. Weber, Pres.; Mrs. Adamson, Sec'y.; and Mrs. Rose, Treas. It is our sincere hope that the good work of the branch will continue, and we again ask our members to enlist in this work, the numbers are increasing, but there are many others who might come forward and share in this life. We thank all who worked so hard in co-operation with the L.A. of the United church to produce the 'birthday' calendar. To Mr. G. B. Tanton and the vestry through whose efforts we now have a means of preserving our linen and communion materials, we express thanks. At a recent meeting of teachers, the annual Christmas party for the S.S. was dis-

cussed and arrangements made. Our confirmation class though small is keen and making good progress. We had hoped that after our appeal there would have been a greater number of adult candidates, but so far only one has come forward for preparation at this point. We regret to report the sudden death of Mr. R. O. Hopper who had seemed to be progressing well. To the family we offer our deepest sympathy and pray that God will comfort them in their sorrow.

**Lougheed**—The W.A. meeting held at Mrs. D. Thomas' home was fairly well attended, and it is hoped that there will be a good turn out at the meeting in Jan. Please make a note of this and try to be there. We were glad to see the children remain after S.S. to witness the baptismal service recently. Their seeing these matters stimulates interest and explain a great deal when the subjects occur in their lessons. There are only two members of our congregation here who have requested confirmation, there ought to have been many more, and it is hoped that the future will see those yet hesitant come forward and enter into the full life of the body corporate. We are glad to learn that Ned Butcher is feeling better and will look forward to seeing him again at church.

**Baptism**—Barry Douglas Shannon.

**Hardisty**—We record almost 100% attendance at the corporate W.A. communion held Nov. 30th and are glad to see that the efforts of this branch continue to gain interest and momentum. At this point we also have had installed a cupboard through the efforts of all members and the ability of Mr. F. Matthews, it is therefore now possible to preserve in good condition our linen etc. We are glad to learn that Mr. Carpenter continues to improve and hope the family will be united soon, and the same sentiments are ours for Mr. Webb. We must have an organist in the very near future.

**Hughenden**—The corporate communion for the W.A. branch was held Nov. 30th and in Dec. the annual meeting introduced the new officers, Miss Betts, Pres.; Mrs. Black, Treas.; and Mrs. H. Smith, Sec'y. We now have two services each month here due to the services of Mr. Betts. This, it is hoped, will encourage our people here and result in greater devotion, and attendance. Please note the change in time for services. The remaining winter months will see them commence at 2 p.m.

**Baptisms**—David William Wall  
Garry Wayne Thorn.

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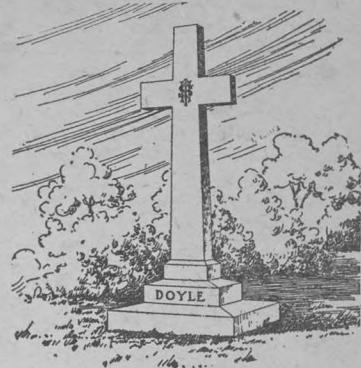
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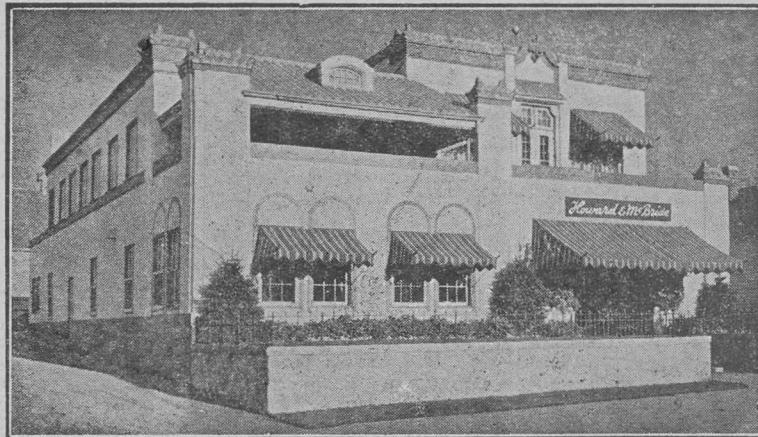
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